



Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services
Division of Community and Public Health
Section for Disease Control and Environmental Epidemiology
Bureau of HIV, STD, and Hepatitis

HIV Counseling, Testing & Referral Program QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

April - June 2007

CTR Updates

DHSS, Bureau of HIV, STD & Hepatitis has applied for a grant through CDC, 'Expanded and Integrated HIV Testing for Populations Disproportionately Affected by HIV, Primarily African Americans'. This three year project will integrate rapid testing into private healthcare settings where it is not already being utilized, such as hospital emergency departments. It emphasizes HIV testing in both medical and non-medical settings and seeks to identify HIV infected persons who are not aware of their status so treatment and prevention services can be accessed readily.

REMINDERS:

Outreach calendars – At the Annual Meeting in January, Melissa VanDyne went over changes to the HIV Prevention contract deliverables. One of those changes is that a calendar of planned outreach events is to be submitted by the 25th of each month for the following month's activities. You can e-mail your monthly calendar to Cheryl Blaise and/or Sonya Henson.

2.3.24 or 2.3.25 - By no later than the 25th day of each calendar month, the Contractor shall provide the Department with a calendar of events for the upcoming month itemizing each specific event scheduled by the Contractor. The calendar must include the event, time of the event, and place of the event.

Expiration Dates - The last two allotments of OraQuick test kits had expiration dates of 9/07 and 10/07. There are also some OraSure test kits out there that expire **this month, 8/07. Please be aware of this and check your inventory!** It is our goal to help you or another site to use all kits! **AS ALWAYS – Contact Cheryl or Sonya ASAP if you have any OraSure or OraQuick test kits that will expire and you will not be able to use!** We will move them to a site that can utilize them before they expire.

MONTHLY ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTS – Please remember to put the expiration dates for kits and controls on the report. When the expiration dates are missing it makes it more difficult to monitor. Again, we are trying to keep kits from expiring and to know when you need controls.

REVISED TRAINING DATES FOR RAPID TEST METHOD & HIV POSITIVES AND THEIR PARTNERS – please see the revised training calendar in this newsletter.

KANSAS CITY FREE HEALTH CLINIC – DENTAL CLINIC

The Kansas City Free Health Clinic was asked by Health Resources Serviced Administration (HRSA) – HIV AIDS Bureau, a branch of the federal government, to initiate the provision of rapid HIV testing as a routine part of dental care.

Since 2006, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has recommended that HIV testing become a routine part of health care and that everyone between the ages of 13 and 65 should be tested at least once for HIV.

Our Rapid Testing in the dental clinic is the first initiative of its kind in the country.

Dr. David Reznik, a dentist from Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta and member of the Presidents Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS is providing us with our HRSA sponsored technical assistance. HRSA and the Clinic hope that dentists, dental assistances, and hygienists serving high risk populations will someday learn from our experiences and follow our lead on this practice.

The Clinic serves Kansas City's uninsured population, most of which are minority and among the working poor. Our dental Clinic serves roughly 600+ unduplicated clients per year, of which we intend to screen for HIV annually or more often depending on individual client risk factors. Dr. Bob Claassen, Clinic Board President and long time dental volunteer will be the first to pilot the initiative. HIV Testing as a part of routine dental care will began in August.

In charge of the program for the Clinic are Holly Buckendahl and Sally Neville.

STDs

Syphilis Outbreak Status Update - The following statistics are based on provisional data for April 1 through June 30, 2007.

- St. Louis City has reported 23 cases of early syphilis.
- St. Louis County has reported 19 cases of early syphilis.
- Kansas City has reported 30 cases of early syphilis.
- Eastern District has reported 6 cases of early syphilis.
- Southeast District has reported 0 cases of early syphilis.
- Southwest District has reported 5 cases of early syphilis.
- Central District has reported 1 cases of early syphilis.
- Northwest District has reported 10 cases of early syphilis.

For more information on syphilis outbreaks or numbers, please contact Melissa VanDyne, State Syphilis Elimination Coordinator, at (573) 751-6129.

For Review

✓ Rapid HIV Testing in Emergency Departments—Three U.S. Sites, January 2005–March 2006

<http://jama.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/full/298/4/395?ct>

Lab Notes

The State Public Health Laboratory moved to it's new facility on June 28th, 2007. The new address is:

Missouri State Public Health Laboratory

101 N. Chestnut

Jefferson City, 65101

(573) 751-0633 – main office line - remained the same

(573) 751-4830 – central services-supplies – remained the same

BioMerieux, the company that we have been currently using over the past years, has discontinued production of their HIV-1 microtiter products as of December 2007. The laboratory has switched to the Genetic Systems HIV-1/HIV-2 PLUS O manufactured by Bio-Rad Laboratories

Therefore, on July 31, 2007 the State Public Health Laboratory discontinued the use of the bioMerieux EIA kits and initiated the use of the Genetic Systems HIV-1/HIV-2 PLUS O kits to screen all oral HIV specimens. All reactive specimens will be confirmed on Western Blot.

Any questions concerning the Genetic Systems HIV-1/HIV-2 EIA test may be directed to Sheryl Coons or Dana Strobe at 573-751-0633.

NEW CONTACTS:

Jeremy Wilson has taken a new position within DHSS and is no longer with the laboratory. The new lab contact for rapid testing is Sheryl Coons at 573-751-0633 or sheryl.coons@dhss.mo.gov.

Questions for Courier schedules contact is Josh McClane at 573-751-4830 or josh.mcclane@dhss.mo.gov.

NEW HIV TEST REQUEST FORMS

The State Public Health Laboratory has revised the HIV Test Request form to include:

Specimen Source – Blood/Serum, Oral Mucosal and Preliminary Positive OraQuick &

Ethnicity – Hisp & Non – H

The lab is now distributing them with supply orders and requests so you should start to see them soon if not already.

STATE PUBLIC HEALTH LAB CONTACT INFORMATION

Dana Strobe dana.strobe@dhss.mo.gov PH: 573-751-0633	Technical questions on test procedures Test result interpretation Problems obtaining supplies
Sheryl Coons sheryl.coons@dhss.mo.gov PH: 573-751-0633	SPHL Rapid HIV Testing Contact Technical questions on rapid HIV test procedures Rapid test result interpretation
Theresa Cunningham theresa.cunningham@dhss.mo.gov PH: 573-526-8169	Statistics
Josh McClane josh.mcclane@dhss.mo.gov PH: 573-751-4830	Questions on courier schedules

Statistics

Missouri CTR* Report		
2nd Quarter - 2007		
(Blood and Oral numbers based on State Public Health Laboratory reports. Rapid numbers based on site reports.)		
	# Tests	# Positive
April - Blood	2251	10
May - Blood	2276	6
June - Blood	2714	17
TOTAL	7241	33
April - Oral	297	2
May - Oral	270	2
June - Oral	148	2
TOTAL	715	6
April - Rapid	329	9
May - Rapid	385	10
June - Rapid	531	13
TOTAL	1245	32
QUARTERLY TOTAL	9201	71
*CTR sites include those sites funded for CTR services and the agencies they subcontract with or provide testing supplies to (26 sites).		

Upcoming Events

September-October	Quality Assurance & Contract Monitoring of CTR Sites
October 15, 2007	National Latino HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
October 25-26, 2007	HIV Prevention and Care Collaboration Conference
December 1, 2007	World AIDS Day

Contact Information

State CTR Program Contact Information

<p>Cheryl Blaise CTR Coordinator cheryl.blaise@dhss.mo.gov Ph: 660-385-1755 FAX: 660-385-6214 Wk Cell: 573-619-2337 Cell: 660-384-1363</p>	<p>CTR policies/procedures HIV Laws and Rules</p>
<p>Sonya Henson CTR Quality Assurance Coordinator sonya.henson@dhss.mo.gov Ph: 573-751-6292 FAX: 573-751-6417</p>	<p>Data and Statistical needs Quality assurance visits/questions</p>
<p>Karla Holzer Office Support Assistant karla.holzer@dhss.mo.gov Ph: 573-751-6120 FAX: 573-526-0235</p>	<p>Ordering of scan forms</p>
<p>Erin Wallau Sr. Office Support Assistant Erin.wallau@dhss.mo.gov Ph: 573-522-9071 FAX: 573-751-6447</p>	<p>Training Registrations Assigning of Counselor ID Numbers</p>

Training Calendar

2007 HIV Training Calendar

Oral Test Method*

Dates	Location	Registration Deadline
January 22, 2007	St. Louis, Missouri	December 22, 2006
February 20, 2007	Independence, Missouri	January 19, 2007
April 9, 2007	St. Louis, Missouri	March 9, 2007
May 22, 2007	Independence, Missouri	April 20, 2007
July 16, 2007	St. Louis, Missouri	June 15, 2007
August 28, 2007	Independence, Missouri	July 27, 2007
October 15, 2007	St. Louis, Missouri	September 14, 2007
November 6, 2007	Independence, Missouri	October 5, 2007

HIV Prevention Counseling

Dates	Location	Registration Deadline
January 23-24, 2007	St. Louis, Missouri	December 22, 2006
February 21-22, 2007	Independence, Missouri	January 19, 2007
April 10-11, 2007	St. Louis, Missouri	March 9, 2007
May 23-24, 2007	Independence, Missouri	April 20, 2007
July 17-18, 2007	St. Louis, Missouri	June 15, 2007
August 29-30, 2007	Independence, Missouri	July 27, 2007
October 16-17, 2007	St. Louis, Missouri	September 14, 2007
November 7-8, 2007	Independence, Missouri	October 5, 2007

Rapid Test Method*

Dates	Location	Registration Deadline
March 13, 2007	Jefferson City, Missouri	February 19, 2007
October 29, 2007	Jefferson City, Missouri	August 27, 2007

HIV Positives and Their Partners*

Dates	Location	Registration Deadline
March 14-15, 2007	Jefferson City, Missouri	February 19, 2007
October 30-31, 2007	Jefferson City, Missouri	August 27, 2007

***Prerequisite – HIV Prevention Counseling**

Oral Test Method - May be taken in conjunction with HIV Prevention Counseling

Rapid Test Method - Must be taken in conjunction with HIV Positives and Their Partners

For information or to register for these trainings, please call (573) 522-9071 or toll-free (866) 628-9891. Confirmation letters will be sent to all training participants approximately two weeks prior to the date of the course. Class size is limited, so please register early. The Department of Health and Senior Services reserves the right to cancel a training; if so, participants will be notified.

Note: These trainings are offered free of charge. Transportation, lodging, and/or meals will be on your own.

Department of Health and Senior Services

Training Updates

Bureau of HIV, STD, and Hepatitis HIV Trainings Available

HIV Prevention Counseling (HPC)

This course is designed to develop a counselor's proficiency in conducting HIV Prevention Counseling. The focus of this course is to enable counselors to more effectively support clients to 1) identify their personal HIV risk behavior and circumstances; 2) identify specific risk reduction goals; and 3) develop a realistic, personalized action plan to achieve these goals. One unit of this course will focus on hepatitis and other STDs and how they are related to HIV transmission. A prerequisite for this course is basic HIV knowledge.

Oral Test Method (OTM)

This course prepares participants to collect oral specimens for HIV antibody detection and to educate clients about the oral test method. Participants will build skills in specimen collection by performing an oral test. A prerequisite for this course is attendance at HPC training and an approved plan to use this method of testing. (Attendance may be in conjunction with HPC.)

HIV Positives and Their Partners (Partner Counseling and Referral Services)

This course is designed for selected staff in agencies that deliver positive HIV results to clients. The curriculum focuses on services for individuals recently diagnosed with HIV and their sex and needle-sharing partners. Participants will build skills in partner elicitation, partner counseling, and referral service provision. A prerequisite for this course is HPC and participants must be registered by the counseling, testing, and referral site (lead agency) in their area of the state.

HIV Rapid Test Method

This course prepares the participant to collect oral or blood specimens for rapid HIV antibody detection. A prerequisite for this course is HPC and HIV Positives and Their Partners (PCRS) and participants must be registered by the counseling, testing, and referral site (lead agency) in their area of the state.

Registrations

All registrations must go through the Bureau of HIV, STD, and Hepatitis staff, with priority given to contracted agencies with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. All courses have limited space available and are offered free of charge.

Registration deadlines will be strictly adhered to so early registration is recommended.

Rapid Testing Sites

<p>St. Louis Metro Center Counseling & Testing 634 N. Grand St. Louis, MO 63112 PH: 314-612-5885 Contact: Rochelle Turner Turnerr@stlouiscity.com</p>	<p>Kansas City Health Department 2400 Troost Kansas City, MO 64108 PH: 816-513-6074 Contact: Dinyelle Baker Dinyelle_Baker@kcmo.org</p>
<p>Columbia-Boone Co. Health Dept. 1005 W. Worley, PO Box 6015 Columbia, MO 65205-6015 PH: 573-874-7536 Contact: Bill Monroe BKM@gocolumbiamo.com</p>	<p>Springfield-Greene Co. Health Dept. 227 E. Chestnut Expressway Springfield, MO 65802 PH: 417-864-1303 Contact: Robin Alton Ralton@ci.springfield.mo.us</p>
<p>St. Joseph-Buchanan Co. Health Dept. 904 S. 10th St. Joseph, MO 64503 PH: 816-271-4725 Contact: Linda Foley lfoley@ci.st-joseph.mo.us</p>	<p>SE Health Education & Risk Reduction 413 Poplar, PO Box 1324 Poplar Bluff, MO 63902-1324 PH: 573-686-5283 Contact: Rhonda Wilkes seherr@sbcglobal.net</p>
<p>Joplin City Health Department 321 E. 4th St. Joplin, MO 64801 PH: 417-623-6122 Contact: Maggie Holt mholt@joplinmo.org</p>	<p>AIDS Project of the Ozarks 1901 E. Bennett Springfield, MO 65804 PH: 417-881-1900 Contact: Tina Bennett tinabennettapo@yahoo.com</p>
<p>Kansas City Free Health Clinic 3515 Broadway Kansas City, MO 64111 PH: 816-777-2786 Contact: Sandra Springer sandras@kcfree.org</p>	<p>St. Louis Effort for AIDS 1027 S. Vandeventer, Suite 700 St. Louis, MO 63110 PH: 314-645-6451 ext. 214 Contact: Carolyn Guild cguild@stlefa.org</p>